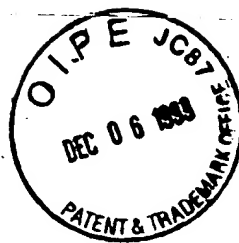


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Hans-Juergen Kuhr, *et al.*

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments prior to examination of the above-referenced application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 to 21 as originally filed.

Please add the following new claims:

Sub 22
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22. A system that is suitable for collecting a body fluid from a region of the body of a person to be examined, the system comprising:
a lancing device which is suitable for holding a lancet and
a lancet magazine for storing a plurality of lancets, the lancet magazine comprising a transport device adapted to transport lancets, and an opening into which the lancing device can be inserted to remove an individual lancet from the lancet magazine.

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23. The system of claim 22 further comprising a plurality of lancets.